

Application No.: 09/940,544
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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a teleconference on July 27, 2005 to discuss the claims of the present application and the Response to Final Office Action filed on June 22, 2005.

By this Response, claims 1 and 20 have been amended as discussed with Examiner Rao during the teleconference. Additionally, claims 12-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11 and 20-27 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendments is kindly requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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